



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(Disciples of Christ)  
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# DISCIPLE DIGEST

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WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

*Coffee & Conversation 9:00 a.m*

# AUGUST 2022



# DISCIPLE DIGEST

## First Christian Church

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### *MISSION OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH*

*The mission of this Congregation shall be---*

*To lead people to faith in Jesus Christ.*

*To encourage their active commitment to His service.*

*To facilitate their growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.*

*Further, it shall be our mission to work for the unity of all Christians and to participate in the common task of building the Kingdom of God.*



## THOUGHTS FROM THE ELDERS

**Matthew 6:4**

**Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.**

### **Giving Our of Love**

Every day, Glen purchases his morning coffee at a nearby drive-through. And every day he also pays for the order of the person in the car behind him, asking the cashier to wish that person a good day. Glen has no connection to them. He's not aware of their reactions; he simply believes this small gesture is "the least he can do." On one occasion, however, he learned of the impact of his actions when he read an anonymous letter to the editor of his local newspaper. He discovered that the kindness of his gift on July 18, 2017, caused the person in the car behind him to reconsider their plans to take their own life later that day.

Glen gives daily to the people in the car behind him without receiving credit for it. Only on this single occasion did he get a glimpse of the impact of his small gift. When Jesus says we should "not let (our) left hand know what (our) right hand is doing" (Matthew 6:3), He's urging us to give-as Glen does- without need for recognition.

When we give out of our love for God, without concern for receiving the praise of others, we can trust that our gifts-large or small- will be used by Him to help meet the needs of those receiving them.

**Father, thank You for using me to meet the needs of others for meeting my needs through them. Help me not to seek credit when I give but to do so in a way that gives You the glory.**

**Comfort in Mourning:**



**Healing Prayers:**

\*Jason Bandy  
Marilyn Baxter  
Amanda Bok  
Heringhaus Family  
Mark Haney  
Cooper May  
\*Ted Mendez  
\*Jack Moore  
Brenda & David Werling



**Continuing Concerns:**

Thaniel Bulau  
\*Kathy Daniels  
Dave Foltz  
Veronica Kromer  
\*Helen & Paul Long  
Chet Moore  
Kenny Santo  
John Young  
Nursing Homes

**SPEAKERS FOR AUGUST**

8/07 Mike Winner  
8/14 Dan Wilder  
8/21 Pat Strayer,  
Music by Mia Strayer  
8/28 Jammie Hughes

**First Scripture Selections**

8/07 Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23  
8/14 Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19  
8/21 Psalm 71 : 1-6  
8/28 Psalm 81: 1, 10-16

**Nursing Home Residents..**

**The Gardens**

\*Romaine Boundy  
\*Betty Hamman

**Kingsbury Place\***

\*Jan White Koch

**Van Crest of Payne**

\*Velma Albert  
\* Helen Long

**Military:**

Cameron Cramer  
Casil Atkinson

**AUGUST SERVERS**

**Elders**

Matt Strayer  
Paul Long

**Worship Leader**

Jan Commers

**Greeter**

Leah Gunderman

**First Scripture Reader**

Suzu Strayer



8/02 Paul Biery  
8/04 Owen Workman  
8/05 Tony Santo  
8/06 Jamie Clemens  
8/08 Suzy Strayer  
8/10 Paul Long  
8/10 Olivia Mendez  
8/10 Karson Mudel  
8/10 Steven Strayer  
8/12 Melanie Bandy  
8/12 Brian Vance  
8/14 Reese Lero  
8/15 Virginia Paulus  
8/18 Linda Reinhart  
8/23 Katie Strayer  
8/24 Zane Daniels  
8/24 Genelta Levos  
8/24 Leslie Townley  
8/28 Vada Bandy  
8/28 Betty Ganger  
8/29 Max Hibbard  
8/29 Vivianne Myers



**Happy Anniversary**

8/07 Mike & Jennifer Workman  
8/09 Max & Donna Hibbard  
8/17 Don & Gail Stoller  
8/26 Denny & Susan Knapp

**Thank God for Little Things**

Thank You, God, for little things  
That often come our way—  
The things we take for granted  
But don't mention when we pray—  
The unexpected courtesy,  
The thoughtful, kindly deed—  
A hand reached out to help us  
In the time of sudden need—  
Oh, make us more aware, dear God,  
Of little daily graces  
That come to us with "sweet surprise"  
From never-dreamed- of places.

**Flowers:**

8/07 Wanda Rohlf  
8/14 Michael & Sharon Kline-In Honor of Virginia's Birthday  
8/21 Genelta Levos-In Memory of Sam  
8/28 Susan Knapp-In Honor of our Anniversary

**ATTENDANCE**

6/26 47  
7/03 40  
7/10 32  
7/17 29



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.  
1 Peter 4:10



## FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

August 7th

5 p.m.

The Worship & Membership Committees are planning a night of fun, food & fellowship. Hot Dogs and buns will be provided by the Men's Group. Brownies, Cookies and Drinks provided by the DWM, and we will be having homemade ice cream. Please sign up so we may plan accordingly.

Kids games are being planned by Donna & Tracy. Plus face painting by Susan Knapp. Adult games include a Corn hole contest (sign up your team with Denise), and other outside games. We also have bingo for those who wish to play.



## Outreach

It is summer we, we worked the first week of the lunch program at LaFountain Park. We served about 30 kids a day. They have a better program this year.

We gave 2 gift cards in May, \$100.00 a piece. This past month we gave \$200.00 to the American Cancer Society, \$200.00 to the Red Cross, \$300.00 to United Way and \$100.00 to a family in the church.

We will collect school supplies for children, book bags, #2 pencils, school boxes, scissors and erasers. We also need sweat pants for boys & girls if you have any used or new, we will give those also. Thank you for your support



Outreach Chair  
Genelta Levos

## Thank You

Thank you to the trustees, they continue so maintain the properties. The new rock around the sign looks great and parsonage improvements are in the works.



## Disciples Women Ministry

Disciples Women's Ministry will meet August 2nd at 10 a.m. All women of the church are invited to attend

We are continuing to provide eggs for the food pantry. **Who would like to get the eggs in August?** Kitchen monitors for Aug & Sept. are Sharon Cooper & Susan Knapp. The large refrigerator in the kitchen may need replaced. The trustees are exploring our options. We may need a fund raiser to help with the cost.

The Women will be providing drinks and brownies for the August 7th fellowship night.

## Pastor Search

**The Pastor Search Committee has reviewed numerous profiles and interviewed available potential candidates. One candidate was recommended to the Board on July 19, 2022, Rev. Dr. Sandra Jenkins.**

**Rev. Jenkins will be sharing her message with the congregation on September 4, 2022. A congregational Meeting will follow this Service.**

## Mowing Schedule

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for mowing the church property. It is for 2 weeks at a time and starts on Mondays. If you would like to sign up but pay someone to mow for you, please indicate that on the sign up sheet.

Aug 1st-August 14 th-Gary McClure  
August 15th-August 28th-  
August 29th-Sept 11th-Clint Reinhart  
Sept. 12th-Sept. 25th-Gary McClure  
Sept 26-Oct. 9th-  
Oct. 10th-Oct. 23-



# FLAT ROCK FALL FESTIVAL

Flat Rock Fall Festival will be Sept.16-Sept 18th.

The "Pig Bank" is out in the narthex to collect donations for the purchase of the meat. The donation list for needed supplies is on the table also. Worker list will be out soon. Anything you can do to make this a successful year is appreciated. This is our big fundraiser for the building maintenance fund. Please consider supporting this project.



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
15TH OF EVERY MONTH**



**Thanks  
for Your  
Support!**

### Monthly Budget Needs

In order to meet our monthly budget needs We need an offering of \$10270.42 per month.



### COUNTERS

- 8/07 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
- 8/14 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
- 8/21 Max Hibbard, Susan Simpson, Charlie Simpson
- 8/28 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers



First Christian Church  
Fund Summary

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	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	105 SPECIAL HOLIDAY-PEN TECOST	111 CWS-BLANKE TS	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	700 MENS GROUP	Total
06/05/2022	1,973.50	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,093.50
06/12/2022	2,218.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,218.00
06/19/2022	1,313.00	45.00	0.00	15.00	50.00	1,423.00
06/26/2022	1,487.00	0.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	1,557.00
Total	6,991.50	165.00	70.00	15.00	50.00	7,291.50

7/12/22

*Susan K. Simpson*

# Accounting Funds

The church board established a New Roof Fund in June of 2019. It continues to accept donations as it slowly grows. Just like home the church needs replacements from time to time.

In April of this year the church board also established a technology fund. This fund is to upgrade anything from sound, lighting or computers. The world of tech moves quickly. If you would like to contribute to either of these funds please use the envelopes in the pews or make a note on your donation.

Thank you

### Women's Book Study Group

The book study group will not be meeting for the next couple of months. Thank you to the ladies who have been participating this past year. It has been a lot of fun.

*Denise*

Matthew 6:1-4. As Christians, we know that giving is not enough. If we give, we must have the right attitude and motivation. If not, our giving will be in vain.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH





WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M.

OFFICE HOURS: TUES-THURS-8 a.m.-12 p.m.

What simple joy from God will I give thanks for today?

# August 2022

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

	1	2 DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MIN- ISTRY-10 A.M.	3 WORSHIP/ MEMERSHIP- 6:30 P.M.  TRUSTEES-7 P.M.	4	5	6
7 FELLOWSHIP NIGHT 5 P.M.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 BOARD MEET- ING-7 P.M.	17	18	19	20 MEN'S GROUP-9 A.M.
21 ELDERS-8:30 A.M.	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

ELDERS: Matt Strayer & Paul Long  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Jan Commers  
 1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Suzy Strayer  
 GREETERS: Leah Gunderman

SPEAKERS:  
 8/07 Mike Winner  
 8/14 Dan Wilder  
 8/21 Pat Strayer, Music Mia Strayer  
 8/28 Jammie Hughes

Give thanks to the LORD,  
 for he is good; his love  
 endures forever.  
 Psalm 107:1

## Can't pray? First rest!

Weariness can seriously hamper our attempts to pray, says Bonnie Gray, author of *Whispers of Rest*. "We are a generation who doesn't know how to express our souls to God, even though we drive ourselves exhausted, doing for Jesus." The solution, she says, is to stop and rest.

The stressed-out, despairing prophet in 1 Kings 19 is a prime example. "God knew Elijah needed physical rejuvenation first — in order to hear his gentle voice, whispering in a gentle breeze," Gray notes. Guarding against the depletion of spiritual, physical and emotional resources can improve our ability to hear God's voice, too. "When you find it's hard to pray, don't be afraid," says Gray. "You're standing at the very cusp of who God longs to connect with. The real you. Take the time to rest. You're worth it.

## New seat, new perspective

In older sitcoms, family members, especially parents, each had their own chair in the living room. No one else sat there. If its "owner" wasn't present, the on-set chair remained empty. Church can be like that too, with people claiming the same seat week after week. Our view of the service and of fellow worshipers is familiar and comfortable.

Recently, our family was "bumped" back a bit, which felt surprisingly different at first. But we interacted just the same with the service. As a bonus, I talked with different people. And after church we stayed to visit a bit longer.

I'm glad church seats don't have nameplates. And I'm thankful that God nudges me out of my comfort zone from time to time, giving me a new perspective.

—Janna Firestone

## ANGEL BISCUIT RECIPE

With Flat Rock Fall Festival growing closer I am reminded of making Angel Biscuits with Mildred Bashore. Pastry Blender in hand we mixed and mixed. Every now and again we'd say "is this good Mildred." She would answer with "Not yet, keep going." Finally as our arms were about to fall off, she gave us the "ok girls your good." She sure was a great cook. Following is her recipe.

1-1/4 oz pkg. dry yeast	1 tsp baking powder
1/4 C luke warm water	2 Tbsp sugar
2 1/2 C. flour	1/2 C shortening
1/2 tsp. soda	1 C buttermilk
1 tsp. salt	

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Sift dry ingredients together, Cut in shortening; add yeast and buttermilk. Add flour if needed to make stiff dough. Turn onto floured board; knead lightly. Roll and cut. Bake at 400 degrees for 12-15 minutes on lightly greased baking sheet. Refrigerate unused dough, covered, for up to 2 weeks. Let warm to rise. Bake. Makes 16 biscuits.





# CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO

Disciples of Christ  
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2022

## A Family Reunion



September 24th, 2022 ~ 11:00am – 4:00pm ~ **\*FREE EVENT!!\***  
Camp Christian 10335 Maple Dell Rd., Marysville, Ohio 43030

*“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”  
Psalm 133:1*

We are so excited to reunite in person!

In response to some very helpful feedback the Regional Assembly Planning Committee has redesigned our Saturday, September 24 Regional Assembly, “A Family Reunion” at Camp Christian. ***It is now going to be shorter and free!*** Through the generosity of a donor, all of the food costs will be covered. We are hoping to still receive other donations to cover the program, utility, administrative, and staffing costs for Camp Christian, but the Regional Assembly Planning Committee is thrilled to offer this day of celebration at no cost to those who pre-register. *\*For persons who register the day of the event, or show up on site without pre-registration, a \$5 registration fee will be required.*

This year’s Regional Assembly will be filled with worship, fun and games, a short business session, delicious food, and wonderful fellowship with friends and colleagues from around the Christian Church in Ohio and beyond.

Adults, youth, and children are invited to attend. The Assembly is designed for all ages, and there will also be child care for children ages 4 to 12.

We would love to see as many of you as possible for this long-anticipated gathering. We hope that each church in the Ohio Region will send at least 2 members to represent their congregation.

Please help us create a photo collage of our extended church family in the Ohio Region, by sending a group photo of your congregation. Email high resolution group photos as jpeg or png attachments to [ccio@ccinoh.org](mailto:ccio@ccinoh.org), by September 1st.

Details and registration at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org)  
#CCIOFamilyReunion



## Regional Assembly 2022 Registration Form

Fill out the form, and return to: Christian Church in Ohio, 10335 Maple Dell Rd., Marysville, OH 43040.

You can also register online at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>*FREE* Pre-Registration</b> <i>(Ages 13 &amp; up) Register by September 23rd</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>*FREE* Child Pre-Registration</b> <i>(Ages 12 &amp; under) Register by September 23rd</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>\$5.00 Day Of/Onsite Fee</b> <i>Added per person paid September 24th or after</i>	<i>*Thanks to generous donors, we are able to offer this event for FREE to those who pre-register. For anyone who registers the day of the event, or shows up on site without pre-registration, a \$5 registration fee will be required.*</i>
<b>Overnight at Camp Christian:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>\$30.00 September 23rd</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>\$30.00 September 24th</b> <i>Per Person age 13 &amp; up. Kids 12 &amp; under can stay free with parent. A registration form for each attendee must still be completed.</i>	

**Please Print Clearly**

**Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.**

Last Name ( <u>1 attendee per form</u> )		First Name	
Address		City	
State	Zip	Date of Birth /                  /	
Email Address			
Church Name		Church City	
Cell Phone (       )	Home Phone (if Applicable) (       )		
Dietary Concerns			

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are more than happy to accommodate special dietary needs. However, you **must provide** specific information **in advance** in order that we may provide alternative options as needed.

***If this form is for an attendee under the age of 18, the information below must also be completed.***

**This section to be completed for any registered attendee under the age of 18**

Full Name of the adult accompanying the registered child/youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a parent of the registered child/youth?     **Yes**     **No\***

**\*If answered NO**

What is the relationship to the registered child/youth? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

*I give permission to the above named adult to be responsible for my child at the Regional Assembly at Camp Christian. The phone number I have provided is a good number to reach me in case of emergency.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Superior BANANA SPLIT

Fruit and yogurt combine for this healthy take on a sweet treat.



### What you need:

- Bananas
- Plain Greek yogurt
- Assorted berries and fruit
- Granola
- Honey

### What you do:

1. Using a butter knife, split the banana in half length-wise. Lay the halves open in a bowl.
2. Add several dollops of yogurt atop the banana halves.
3. Arrange other fruit, such as berries and grapes.
4. Top the banana split with a sprinkle of granola and a drizzle of honey. Enjoy!

# PUZZLE

## Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



*Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.*

	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P	Pepper	O	U
Carrot	E	O	Spinach	R	S
Tomato	Y	R	Watermelon	H	P
Grape	C	F	Broccoli	G	N
Eggplant	T	D	Pumpkin	T	Y
Celery	I	N	Pear	F	C
Banana	K	M	Asparagus	L	R
Cucumber	N	W			

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo\_\_e, j\_\_ \_\_, pea\_\_e,  
 pa\_\_ie\_\_ce, \_\_ind\_\_ess, go\_\_dne\_\_s,  
 fait\_\_ful\_\_ess, gen\_\_leness, sel\_\_-cont\_\_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

## Heavenly envoys



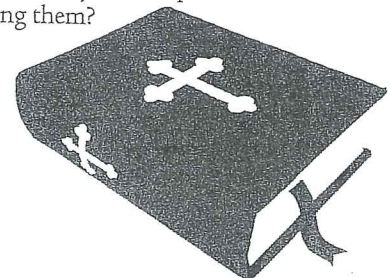
If the stars should appear one night in a thousand years, how would men believe and adore; and preserve for many generations the remembrance of the city of God which had been shown! But every night come out these envoys of beauty, and light the universe with their admonishing smile.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Bible Quiz

A few Bible books have only one chapter. Which of the following is not among them?

- Obadiah
- Philemon
- 1 John
- 2 John
- 3 John
- Jude



Answer: C